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INFO AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 0039

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: DR PDIP PINT

SUBJ: INCIDENT INVOLVING DOMINICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AT
HAITIAN CELEBRATION

1. AT LUNCH YESTERDAY THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR CARLOS VIZQUERRA TOLD ME THAT THE DOMINICAN CHARGE ANDRES ANTONIO DECAMPS TAVERAS WAS INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT ON SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST AT THE ANNUAL HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY HIGH MASS. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT HAITIAN NATIONAL DAY CEREMONY AND IS ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT, HIS MOTHER, THE CABINET AND THEIR WIVES, THE MILITARY AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE MASS IS HELD IN THE LARGE CATHEDRAL WHICH IS PACKED WITH SPECTATORS. THE AFFAIR IS VERY FORMAL AND "JAQUETTE" OR CUTTAWAY IS THE REQUIRED ATTIRE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. ACCORDING TO THE PERUVIAN, CHARGE TAVERAS ARRIVED LATE ATTIRED IN A BRIGHT GREEN SUIT. HE WAS MET AT THE DOOR OF THE CATHEDRAL BY HAITIAN PROTOCOL AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HE RETURN HOME AND CHANGE INTO FORMAL ATTIRE. THE CHARGE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE A CUTAWAY AND DEMANDED TO BE ADMITTED AS WAS. THE HAITIANS REFUSED AND AN ARGUMENT ENSUED, CULMINATING BY THE DOMINICAN LEAVING IN A HUFF AND DEPARTING PORT AU PRINCE FOR SANTO DOMINGO.

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2. THIS VERSION WAS RESTATED TO ME BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT LAST NIGHT DINNER FOR TWO DEPARTING AMBASSADORS HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS. THE DOMINICANS WERE NOTICEABLE BY THEIR ABSENCE.

3. THE INCIDENT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY PERSONAL BUT IT HAS STRAINED HAITIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEIR NEIGHBORS TO THE

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